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HC halts Unity Mall works in Mysuru

Pramoda Devi Wadiyar moves Court against Centre's project supervised by her son MP Yaduveer Wadiyar !

Pramoda Devi

Yaduveer

The now stalled preliminary works at the Unity Mall construction site this morning at KEA Grounds.

Mysuru, Dec. 11 (RK,BLU& BCT)- The Karnataka High Court has ordered status quo on the land allotted for the proposed Unity Mall at the Mysuru Dasara Exhibition Grounds (Doddakere Maidan), effectively bringing construction to a halt.

The order was passed on Nov. 28 after Pramoda Devi Wadiyar of the erstwhile Mysore royal family filed a petition asserting ownership over the land. Following the petition, the Court directed the State Department of Industries and Commerce to maintain the status quo until further orders. The Unity Mall — envisioned on the lines of Delhi's Dilli Haat — is planned on 6.5 acres of land within Survey Number 1, Mysuru Kasba Hobli, part of the Karnataka Exhibition Authority (KEA) Grounds.

The project, worth Rs. 193 crore, was proposed to be taken up under the Public Private Partnership (PPP) model, which is a Central Government initiative aimed at creating a dedicated marketplace for handicrafts, GI-tagged products, sandalwood, inlay works and other cultural artefacts from the Mysuru region.

The petition comes months after Pramoda Devi's son, Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Wadiyar, inspected the project on July 28, 2025.

(See UNITY MALL on page 7)

'We will get the stay vacated'

"The High Court order will be fully complied with. All necessary documents will be submitted and steps will be taken to have the stay vacated. The entire 80-acre property is Government-owned and has been subleased to the Karnataka Exhibition Authority. Out of this, 6.5 acres have been officially handed over to the Department of Industries and Commerce for constructing the Unity Mall.

The State Government is the legal owner of the land and we have the documents to establish this. The question of the 80-acre area being private property simply does not arise. We will place all land records before the High Court at the next hearing and ensure the stay is lifted."

—G. Lakshmikanth Reddy
Deputy Commissioner

50% Rebate

on traffic fines ends tomorrow

Over Rs. 11 crore collected from Nov. 21 till Dec. 9

Mysuru, Dec. 11 (RK&KS)- The State Government's 50 percent rebate on all pending traffic fines, introduced on Nov. 11, will conclude tomorrow (Dec. 12).

Acting on the Government's directive, the Mysuru Traffic Police began implementing the rebate and urged motorists with pending fines to clear their dues by paying only 50 percent of the actual penalty at any Traffic Police Station in the city.

Between Nov. 21 and Dec. 9, the Traffic Police closed 5,15,953 cases and collected a whopping Rs. 11,76,81,953 from motorists with long-pending violations.

Meanwhile, ACP (Traffic) M. Shivashankar has appealed to all motorists with pending cases to make full use of the scheme and clear their dues by paying only 50 percent of the fine amount before the deadline.

Young trader falls for high returns, loses Rs. 40.71 lakh

Mysuru, Dec. 11 (KS)- A 28-year-old trader from the city has been cheated of Rs. 40.71 lakh after falling for the lure of high returns through online gaming.

The trader, a resident of Ashoka Road, had visited his native place in Rajasthan a few months ago, where he noticed some friends playing online games. When he enquired, they claimed he too could earn huge profits by investing and playing regularly. Trusting their words, he downloaded the mobile app 'Fun in Match 360' and began playing. Over time, he invested a total of Rs. 40.71 lakh in multiple phases.

But when he attempted to withdraw his 'profits', he repeatedly received messages claiming the money had been deposited into his bank account — yet no amount ever reflected.

Despite multiple attempts, the same automated message was sent each time. Realising he had been duped, the trader approached the city's Cybercrime, Economic Offences, and Narcotics (CEN) Police Station and filed a complaint.

ADOPT Street Dogs

MCC invites dog-lovers to adopt or supply food to strays

Mysuru, Dec. 11 (KS)- The Mysuru City Corporation (MCC), following the Supreme Court order, have invited dog lovers, NGOs and those having compassion towards stray dogs to adopt them or supply food to strays housed in dog shelters. Contact MCC Health Officer on **Mob: 96204-49505 or 99863-03236,** according to a press release.

STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Thursday 11th December 2025

Kids Fest-2025 at Coorg Public School, Gonikoppal

Gonikoppal, Dec.11- Coorg Public School (COPS), marking its 30th year of establishment, has announced the Kids Fest-2025, an event designed for children aged 3 to 6 years.

The fest will be held on Dec.13 from 9.30 am to 12 noon in the school campus.

A colouring competition, rhyme competition and obstacle race have been organised. All participants will receive certificates while winners will be awarded certificates of achievement.

The school will also set up several experience zones, including a finger puppet corner, a sensory clay play area and free-play corners that encourage exploration and hands-on learning for children.

Parents attending the event will have the opportunity to participate in a guided campus tour, interact with teachers and learn about the school's educational approach.

Entry to the Kids Fest is free. Parents who wish to register their child may email: *copsgonikoppal@gmail.com*.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

HARNESSING THE POWER OF DEEP THOUGHT:

Our capacity for deep thought is our genius engine. If we look closely at the people who have genuinely changed the world, we find a shared trait: they were relentless analysts. Their profound depth of thought was the fuel for their breakthroughs.

B.R. Ambedkar's meticulous legal analysis and extensive deliberation shaped the very fabric of the Indian Constitution, demonstrating how careful consideration and a deep dive into complexity create a framework for social justice and lasting reform.

Similarly, Nobel Laureate Marie Curie refused to settle for "good enough." Her exhaustive, bordering on obsessive, analysis of data led her to revolutionary scientific discoveries; her deep dive was a testament to the power of relentless dedication to detail.

Sixteenth US President Abraham Lincoln, for instance, didn't make quick, emotionally driven decisions. His legendary melancholy was a by-product of a mind that felt the immense weight of every consequence, allowing him to navigate the Civil War with a nuanced, empathetic foresight no impulsive leader could match. Our analytical mind places us directly in this lineage. Ultimately, it's what allows us to see connections others miss, anticipate challenges before they arise and craft solutions that are more complete and resilient.

The crucial difference between crippling anxiety and creative genius is direction. When worries spiral, don't try to stop them — externalise them. It pays to note down every single thought. Subsequently, marshal them: Underline the actionable concerns and cross out the hypothetical worries.

For decisions that don't matter, set a strict decision deadline of 5 or 10 minutes. When the timer is up, choose and move on. This practice trains our analytical mind to deliver our best within a constraint.

When our thoughts become too abstract and we feel we are losing contact with reality, we must use grounding techniques. Name five things we can see, four we can feel, three we can hear, two we can smell and one we can taste. This simple practice instantly shifts our focus from unproductive thought to productive presence.

We possess the depth, the foresight and the analytical strength to not just solve problems but to create extraordinary, thoughtful and lasting solutions.

Just as we learn to negotiate every preference, value and detail to create a "masterpiece" out of a simple choice, we must apply that same meticulous, channelled power to our lives. *— Ananthapadmanabhan in Deccan Herald*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Woman 'wears' severed ear on her foot

Beijing: A woman whose left ear was torn off during a freak work accident wore it on her instep for five months before having it surgically reattached. Although the accident didn't endanger the woman's life, it left her in need of reconstructive surgery, including the reattachment of the ear.

Upon examining the woman's wound, doctors decided that her ear couldn't be immediately reattached. To maximise the chances of a successful reattachment, the ear needed to be fostered back to health. They chose the instep of her foot as the best place to nurse the ear back to health.

Over the next five months, the unnamed woman wore her left ear on the insole of her foot, wearing only loose shoes to avoid pressure when going out, and walking just fast enough to promote blood circulation. After five painful months, the woman's left ear was finally reattached.

Humanoid robots turn out to be humans

Tehran: A pair of "advanced humanoid robots" showcased at Iran's Kish Inox Tech Expo were exposed as actual humans posing as robots.

The "robots", one man and one woman, presented themselves as advanced machines to visitors, but high-definition videos shot at the recent event reveal their obvious humanity through acne scars, blinking, breathing and unnatural robotic movements.

When confronted about the questionable robots, Hossein Afshin, a senior official in Iran for Science and Technology and Knowledge-based economy, said that they were the idea of a private company.

Hossein Afshin, a senior official in Iran for Science and Technology and Knowledge said, "I only know that one of the companies did this for its own advertising. Consequently, it has no objection, and it must definitely accept its responsibility."

HEALTH CAPSULE

Recognising Diabetic Emergencies

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'Inked in the Hills - An ode to Kodavas writing poetry' on Dec. 13

Dr. Chengappa

N.M. Subbaiah

Mysuru, Dec. 11 (KS) - 'Inked in the Hills,' a poetry dialogue between a Kodava author and a Kodava poet will be held at The Green Hotel, Chittaranjan Palace on Hunsur Road in city on Dec. 13 at 4.30 pm.

The poetry dialogue will be between two emerging Kodava voices — Dr. Ravin Chengappa, a Mysuru-based dentist and poet, whose recent work 'Leaves of the Poet Tree' and Subbaiah Nuchimanyanda Muthanna, a budding corporate lawyer and author of the collection of poetry 'From Reverie To Requiem.'

Both writers, though working in different professional spheres, find a deep and lyrical convergence in the cultural memory of Kodagu — its mist, its hills, its silences and its people. Their poetry explores this shared heritage through contrasting personal journeys: one in the legal world, another in the medical sciences, yet both discovering language as a landscape to return home to.

The session will unfold as a poetic dialogue rather than a reading — two Kodava poets speaking to each other through verse, meaning and belonging, tracing the delicate thread between contemporary thought and ancestral identity. This event will also shed light on Kodava creativity and the quiet artistic spirit. For details, contact Mob:94458-80909.

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Len: *It is my house!*

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1 US Dollar	= Rs. 90.31
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 120.71
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1 Euro	= Rs. 105.55

VOICE OF THE READER

Attention dog lovers:
Humans need safety too
Hypocrisy unmasked: Pedigrees at home, strays for society?

Sir,

Dr. Javeed Nayeem's recent column asking, rather bluntly, "Where are the real dog-lovers?" is a rarity in public debate: honest, unfashionable and deeply necessary *(SOM* dated Nov.23).

For all the passionate noise generated after the Supreme Court's latest order on strays, there remains a striking reluctance among self-proclaimed animal lovers to shoulder even the smallest fraction of the responsibility they demand from everyone else.

They defend the "rights" of street dogs with almost constitutional fervour, yet fall strangely silent when asked to adopt one.

One is reminded of Nawab Mahabat Khan III of Junagadh, who reportedly built 800 well-furnished kennels, complete with attendants and telephones, for his own dogs.

Modern dog lovers, by contrast, profess boundless affection for strays, but only performatively and only at a comfortable distance, expecting the State — and the citizenry — to bear the cost.

Asim Nehal's 'Life of a Street Dog' offers a painful counterpoint to this moral posturing. "I roam not out of choice, but because I have nowhere to go," he writes — a reminder that a street dog's life is a daily negotiation with fear, hunger and hostility.

"I sleep under cars and corners, praying the night is kind." If this is the "freedom" activists extol, then their affection seems suspiciously comfortable — the kind that thrives on distance rather than responsibility.

The hypocrisy grows starker when many of these ardent champions of canine dignity proudly display their pampered, pedigreed imports — the Huskies in tropical heat, the Pomeranians groomed to perfection — while urging society to rehabilitate strays.

They will spend lavishly on fashionable breeds, but expect municipal budgets to stretch indefinitely for feeding, sterilisation and post-attack compensation.

Meanwhile, ordinary citizens — children, the elderly, sanitation workers, morning walkers — navigate public spaces with quiet, constant fear. Rabies deaths, maulings and unprovoked pack aggression are not "narratives"; they are lived realities.

This is the heart of the matter. Compassion is commendable, but human safety is non-negotiable. A civilised public space cannot be held hostage to unmanaged animal populations, however affectionately some may speak of them.

If the plight of the street dog truly moves these activists, they know exactly where to begin: at their own doorstep, leash in hand.

—M.Jameel Ahmed
Yadavagiri 28.11.2025

Book on St. Antony of Padua

Mysuru, Dec.11- Rev. Dr. Dayananda Prabhu's book titled 'Miracle Worker: St. Antony of Padua' was released by Most Rev. Dr. Francis Serrao SJ, Bishop of Mysore, at a large gathering at the Catholic Centre in Bannimantap on Dec. 3. This book in Kannada deals with the saint's life, preaching, missionary work and miracles.

St. Antony has a large followers of devotees throughout the world. This is the first book in Kannada. The author Dr. Dayananda Prabhu has written and published 20 books, both small and voluminous, on religious and secular matters. He served as Visiting Professor to the Chair in Christianity, University of Mysore, for four years. He has also written many articles in Kannada to various periodicals.

Avail one-time benefits under
Employees' Enrolment Campaign

Vinit Kumar,
Regional PF Commissioner-I,
Regional Office, Mysuru

Mysuru, Dec.11- In a significant initiative to bring a large number of workers under the ambit of organised social security through EPF, the Government of India has announced **Employees' Enrolment Campaign (EEC) 2025.** The scheme shall be operational from Nov. 1, 2025 to April 30, 2026.

This campaign is intended to encourage employers, both already registered and those newly coming under the purview of the EPF Act, 1952, to voluntarily declare and enrol eligible employees.

Employers can enrol all existing employees, who joined the establishment between July 1, 2017 and Oct. 31, 2025 and who are alive and employed on the date of the declaration, but were not enrolled in the EPF scheme earlier due to any reason, whatsoever.

A major relief under EEC 2025 is the waiver of the employee's share of PF contributions for the entire past period, provided it was not deducted from wages. Employers need to pay only their own share.

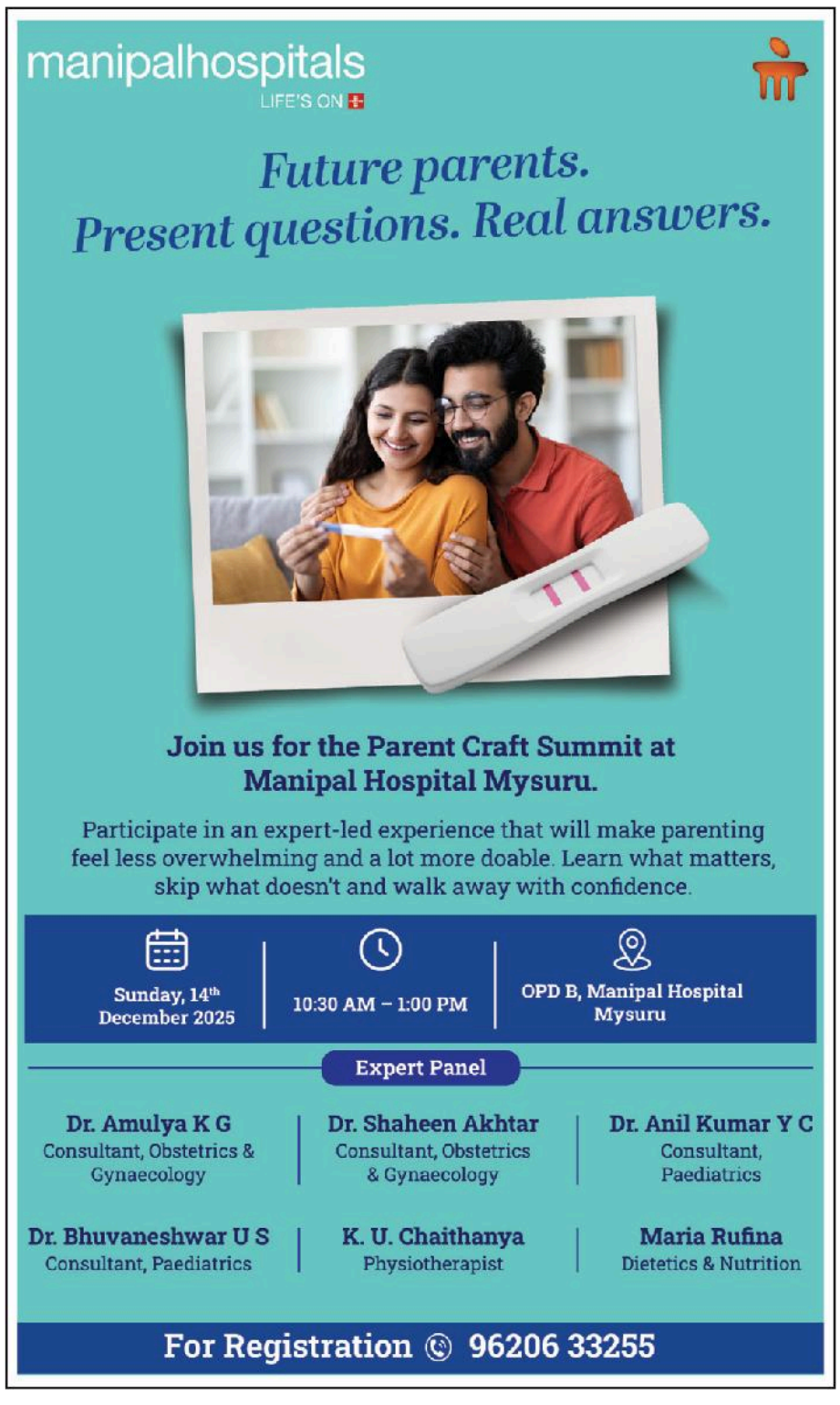
Employers availing this scheme shall be liable to pay a nominal penal damage of Rs. 100 only as a lump sum, a significant reduction from the standard penalties for non-compliance.

All establishments are eligible to participate, including those with ongoing inquiries under 7A of the EPF Act. No *suo moto* action will be initiated by EPFO for employees who have left the establishment before the declaration date.

Employers declaring employees under EEC 2025 will also be eligible for benefits under the Pradhan Mantri Viksit Bharat Rojgar Yojana (PMVBRY) subject to conditions. Declarations must be filed online through the facility provided by EPFO in the Employer Login, indicating employee details and linking them to the relevant Electronic Challan-cum-Return.

The Government expects EEC 2025 to significantly expand social security coverage and help employers regularise past records with minimal financial or legal burden.

Vinit Kumar, Regional PF Commissioner-I, Regional Office, Mysuru, has in a press release appealed all employers to come forward and avail one-time benefits under EEC 2025 and participate in nation-building by facilitating EPFO to extend social security to the workforce.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NEWS BRIEFS

Scholarship Test

Sri Viveka Vidyalaya PU College, has organised 'Viveka Excel Scholarship Test (VEST-3) 2025, for class 10 students on Dec. 14 at 10 am. The students aspiring to join PUC in Science (PCMB/ CS) with NEET, JEE and KCET coaching can appear for the test. The topics are as follows; Mathematics- Arithmetic progression, Triangles, Pair of Linear Equations in Two Variables, Coordinate Geometry and Trigonometry. Science; Physics- Electricity and Magnetic Effects of Electric Current; Chemistry- Chemical Reasons and Equations and Acids, Bases and Salts; Biology-Life Processes, Control and Coordination and Our Environment For details contact: Ph: 0821-2363059, Mob: 63647-44849/80731-20016/ 87621-12253.

Story-telling

Siddalingappa

As part of 'Kathe Kelona Banni-910,' Kalasuruchi has organised story-telling by Jeenahalli Siddalingappa, Retd. Gazetted Assistant, Dept. of Education, Mysuru at Suruchi Rangamane, # 476, Chitrabhanu Road, Kuvempunagar, in city on Dec. 13 between 4.30 pm and 5.30 pm. For details, contact Mob: 92435-81097.

Training

As Under the SCSP and TSP scheme, the Department of Information and Public Relations, Mysuru, has invited applications from eligible SC/ST candidates having a Degree or Post Graduate degree in Journalism for 12-month apprenticeship training in Journalism. The selection (2 for SC & 1 for ST candidate) will be based on academic merit and performance in Interview. The candidates must be aged below 35 years and the selected candidates will be paid a monthly stipend of Rs. 15,000 for 12 months. The prescribed application form can be obtained from the office of the Department located on Dhanvantri road and the same must be returned along with the required records before Dec. 26. [Mob: 98443 93691].

Ph.D awardee

Narasimha has been awarded Ph.D in Commerce by the University of Mysore for his thesis 'Impact of Financial Literacy on Women Empowerment Through SHGs - A Study with Reference to Bengaluru Urban District' submitted under the guidance of Dr. B.S. Sudha.

Man sentenced to death for killing four including wife, step daughter

Girish

Madikeri, Dec. 11 (KS)- In a swift judgement, Judge S. Nataraj of the 2nd Additional District and Sessions Court, Virajpet in Kodagu has sentenced a man to death by hanging. after finding him guilty of murdering his wife, step daughter, wife's grandfather and grandmother.

The convicted person is 35-year-old Girish, a native of Manandawadi, Wayanad district in Kerala.

On the night of Mar. 27, 2025, accused Girish had murdered his wife Nagi (30), step daughter Kaveri (5), wife's grandfather Kariya (75) and grandmother Gowri (70) at Begur village, Ponnampet taluk of Kodagu district.

Details: About 40 years ago, Kariya and Gowri couple migrated from Kerala and were working as labourers at the estate of Chodumada Vikram at Begur village in Ponnampet taluk. The couple had three children including Jaya. Nagi was the daughter of Jaya.

Nagi had deserted her first husband Subramani and had married Girish about a year back. Girish too was married before and had severed tied with his first wife, it is learnt.

Kaveri, born to Nagi from her first husband was staying with her grandparents in Begur village. Girish used to visit Nagi's house now and then.

On Mar. 27, 2025, Girish picked up a fight with Nagi, accusing her of having an affair with her first husband Subramani, besides accusing her grandparents of not giving him money despite selling coffee. As the fight escalated, Girish attacked Nagi with a knife during which Nagi sustained serious injuries and her daughter Kaveri too sustained injuries on her head and neck. Both died later. Meanwhile, Nagi's grandparents Kariya and Gowri, rushed to their help, but were also killed by Girish.

Girish later hid himself in the neighbouring farm at night and the next morning, he fled to Virajpet in an autorickshaw, from where he took a bus to Iritty in Kerala. As soon as he reached there, he went to a hair salon near the bus stand and got his hair cut in a bid to conceal his identity and hid in his first wife's house, it is learnt.

The murder came to light when the estate owner Vikram himself went to the house of Kariya, on Mar. 28 morning. The bodies of Kariya, Gowri, Nagi and Kaveri were found in the house.

Based on the complaint, DIGP (Southern Range) Dr. M.B. Boralingaiah, Kodagu SP K. Ramarajan, the then Additional SP K.S. Sundar Raj, Ponnampet Station House Officer and staff, FSL experts and others visited the spot and conducted a preliminary investigation.

In a joint operation, Kodagu and Kerala Police arrested Girish from his first wife's house. An investigation was conducted and charge sheet was submitted to the Court by Police.

Judge S. Nataraj, who took up the case, heard the arguments from both sides, The Judge found accused Girish guilty of committing the crime and awarded him death sentence. Public Prosecutor Yasin Ahmed, argued on behalf of the Government.

Two go missing in city

Devaraju

Shivakumar

Mysuru, Dec. 11 (KS)- In separate cases, two persons have gone missing from Devaraja and Hebbal Police limits in city.

In the first case, a 53-year-old man has gone missing from Golden Comfort Hotel in Devaraja Mohalla since 7.30 am on Dec. 6.

The missing man is B. Devaraju, according to the complaint lodged by his son with Devaraja Police.

Those having any information about the missing man may contact Devaraja Police Station on Ph: 0821-2418306 or call Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2418339.

In the second case, a 37-year-old man has gone missing from Hebbal Police limits in city.

The missing man is Shivakumar Swamy. He is 5.5 ft. tall, oval faced, normal built, oily red complexioned, has a tattoo of a conch and alphabet 'M' on his left arm, speaks Kannada, Hindi and English and was wearing a yellow coloured half-arm shirt and blue jeans pant at the time of going missing.

Those having any information about the missing man may contact Hebbal Police Station on Ph: 0821-2418318 or call Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2418339.

Sandalwood logs worth

Rs. 1.5 lakh recovered; one held

Nawaz Shariff

Mysuru, Dec. 11 (KS)- The City Crime Branch (CCB) Police have arrested a man on charges of transporting sandalwood logs. The Police have recovered 33.600 kg sandalwood, worth over Rs. 1.5 lakh, besides seizing a mobile phone and a Bajaj Pulsar bike (KA-03-HC-5702) from him.

The accused has been identifies as 32-year-old Nawaz Shariff, a resident of Usmania Block at Kesare in city.

On Monday afternoon, when CCB Inspector Shabir Hussain and staff were patrolling on Kamanakerehundi Main Road in Old Kesare, they saw a man standing along with a bike and a sack. On seeing the Police vehicle, the man, later identified as Shariff, made a bid to flee with his vehicle, from the spot.

Acting swiftly, the Police, who surrounded Shariff, caught hold of him and upon inspecting the sack, the sandalwood logs were found inside the same.

On interrogating, the accused is said to have told Police that he had felled a sandalwood tree near Kesare Chikkere about three to four days back. On Monday he had cut the sandalwood trunk into logs to take it to his home, where he wanted to remove the bark and later sell them.

A case has been registered at Narasimharaja (NR) Police Station.

Illegal transportation of Anna Bhagya rice

One arrested; 53 quintals rice, goods vehicle seized

Mysuru, Dec. 11 (KS)- In a joint operation, the Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs Department officials along with Narasimharaja (NR) Police, have seized Anna Bhagya scheme rice, which was being transported to black market in a goods vehicle. The driver of the vehicle has been arrested.

The accused has been identified as Atiq. In all 110 rice bags weighing 53 quintals have been seized. Acting on the complaint of Food Inspector M.S. Vinod Kumar, NR Police have registered a case.

On Sunday afternoon, NR Police Station Intelligence staff K.B. Manju, informed the officials of the Food Department about rice bags laden goods vehicle moving on the mud road in Kesare Revenue Layout.

The Food Department Assistant Director, informed Food Inspector Vinod Kumar over phone.

Vinod Kumar, along with other officials rushed to the spot and with the help of NR Police, seized the rice and the goods vehicle, besides taking driver Atiq into custody. The Anna Bhagya rice was being purchased from beneficiaries at Hale Kesare, Kamanakerehundi and other places and was being sold in black market for higher prices.

Obituary

Jayarama

Mysuru, Dec. 11- Jayarama (77), retired Chief Manager, State Bank of Mysore and a resident of SBM Colony in Srirampura 2nd Stage, passed away following a heart attack yesterday in city.

He had also served as the President of Vivekananda Brahmana Mahasabha and President of Mysore Bank Colony Residents' Cultural and Welfare Association.

He leaves behind his wife Indira, daughters Bhargavi and Varuni, sons-in-law, grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites will be held at his native place Santheshivara village near Channarayapatna in Hassan district, according to family sources.

Alok Kumar elevated to DGP Rank, to head Prisons

Benglauru, Dec. 11 (Agencies)- Senior IPS Officer **Alok Kumar** was elevated as Director General of Police (DGP) yesterday following the quashing of a departmental inquiry ordered against him by the State Government in connection with the 2019 phone-tapping case by the Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT).

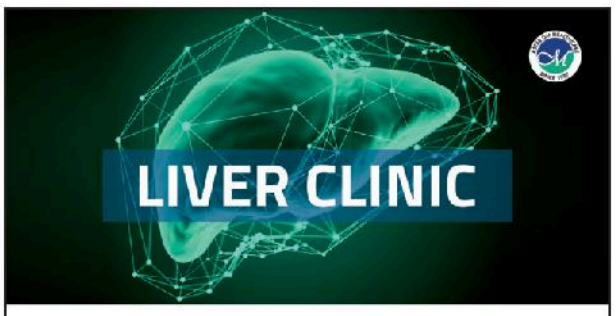
The order issued by State Government read, "Alok Kumar, IPS (KN:1994) Additional Director General of Police, Training, Bengaluru, is promoted to officiate in the grade of Director General of Police carrying the pay scale of Level-16 in the pay matrix of IPS (Pay) Rules, 2016, with retrospective effect from 12.09.2025 and is posted with immediate effect and until further order as Director General of Police, Prisons and Correctional Services, Bengaluru, in the upgraded post."

"The post of Director General of Police, Prisons and Correctional Services, Bengaluru is declared equivalent in status and responsibilities to the cadre post of Director General of Police, Criminal Investigation Department, under rule 12 of IPS (Pay) Rules, 2016 as included in Schedule II to the said rules."

Meanwhile, the State Government has transferred B. Dayananda, ADGP, Prisons and Correctional Services, as ADGP, Training, in the upgraded post.

Selected for Endowment Book Award

Mysuru, Dec.11- City's writer **Ammasandra Suresh,** who is serving as Marketing Manager at Postal Department, Mysuru, has been selected for 'Sarangi Venkataramaiah Puttachamma Endowment Book' Award for his Kannada novel 'Agnikundadinda Banda Chetana.' The award, given by Bengaluru-based B.M. Shri Pratishtana, will be presented to him at a programme in Bengaluru on Dec. 23.



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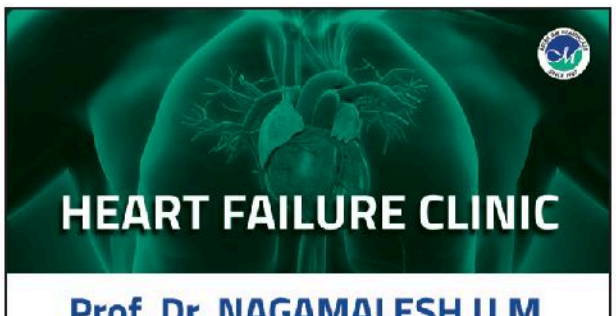

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The Advice of Vidur

Vidur-niti is a set of about 600 verses, split into eight chapters, found in the Udyoga Parva of the Hindu epic, Mahabharata. It is counsel of Vidur to King Dhritarashtra, whose sons, the Kauravas are in the midst of negotiations with their cousins the Pandavas to avert a war that will destroy the illustrious Kuru clan.

It is quite clear that the Pandavas will defeat the Kauravas and Dhritarashtra will see extreme suffering in the end. But Dhritarashtra is unable to bring himself to stop his son so asks for Vidur's counsel.

In common parlance, Vidur-niti is a phrase applied to wise spiritual counsel given to a tyrant by one who manages to maintain friendship and good relationship despite a very hostile situation. The text is popular amongst the Swaminarayan Sampradaya of Gujarat and it perhaps explains how this sect has successfully promoted its version of Hindu values since colonial times and in hostile regimes, building grand temples with tall pyramidal (shikhar) roofs across the world.

Riding a sea of platitudes

While Vidur-niti seems like a confused collection of platitudes on polity, governance, conduct and spirituality, it does seem to have a logical flow over eight chapters. First, it lists the qualities of intelligence and stupidity. Then it speaks of the value of controlling the senses and the tongue. Then it speaks of the value of rising above jealousy.

Then it speaks of how great families lose their greatness by quarrelling with kinsmen. Then it explains why we live shorter lives as we do not value the harsh words of well-meaning counsellors and staff. Then it explains how the purpose of kingship is to protect and grow its kingdom's fortune (artha). Then it speaks of the value of compromise.

Finally, it speaks of the importance of being responsible towards others (dharma) rather than indulging the self (kama). None of this convinces the king of course, who is obsessed with his son, and so Vidur advises the king to speak of Sanatsujata who will explain to him the importance of outgrowing such relationship addiction and being free (moksha).

In the course of listing many platitudes, Vidur slips in unpalatable good advice. He says Kauravas are like the forest and Pandavas are like the tiger and just as the forest cannot exist without the tiger and the tiger cannot exist without the forest. The two have to work together for the betterment of the kingdom.

He compares the Kauravas to jackals and Pandavas to lions. He compares Kauravas to crows and Pandavas to peacocks. These are ways of saying that Pandavas have better qualities and so will make better rulers.

Vidur tells Dhritarashtra the story of the good father Prahalad, who admonishes his son Virochan and tries to make him see the error of his ways when he tries to compete with the educated and refined Sudhanva. That Sudhanva is a Brahmin and this story can be seen as yet another Brahmin attempt to position Brahmins over kings, by writers of the Mahabharata, is another matter. The point here is that Vidur tells the Kaurava king that one must not side with one's son all the time and choose justice over parental obsession.

Unprivileged half-brother

Vidur is able to say all this, without facing any reprisals, because he is in an intimate relationship with the king. He is technically the king's half-brother. They share a common father — the sage Vyas, who happens to be the author of the epic Mahabharat.

While Dhritarashtra's mother was a widowed childless queen, Vidur's mother was the royal maid. And so, they share different fates. Dhritarashtra has privileges that are denied to Vidur. Hindus who praise Vidur-niti are also slyly endorsing the caste system and traditional notions of hierarchy, boundaries and privilege. Vidur clearly says he cannot explain moksha because he is Shudra, not Brahmin.

As per folklore, Vidur maintains his independence by eating only green leafy vegetables (Vidur-saag) that grows in his private garden and not that is cooked in the royal kitchen. Even Krishna insists on eating these green leafy vegetables in Vidur's house rather than royal food served by the Kauravas when he comes to the palace to negotiate peace.

In devotional lore, Vidur's wife is so much in awe of Krishna that she ends up feeding him the peel of the banana rather than the flesh. Krishna eats what is offered, reminding all that the divine does not discriminate against that which humans choose to discard as dirt.

No justice without spirituality

Vidur is said to be Yama reborn. Yama is the god of death who never discriminates, hence called the embodiment of dharma, hence a model for kings. In Mahabharat, Yudhishtira is considered the biological son of Yama.

Cynical scholars speculate that perhaps this was code to suggest Yudhishtira is Vidur's biological son, born to Kunti, through the practice of levirate (niyoga), which is why Vidur sides with Pandavas. That Vidur-niti has nothing to do with dharma.

The epic also states that Yama was cursed by Rishi Mandavya to be born as Vidur to experience the horrors of karma. For Mandavya was impaled by a king, punished despite being innocent, as karmic repercussion for tormenting insects when he was but a child. Likewise, Vidur needs to know what it feels like to suffer privileged fools when one is wise but denied any power or status on account of being low-born. Such is the fate of many in the world today.

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Carol singing contest spreads Christmas cheer

Mysuru, Dec. 11- The Catholic Association of Mysore (CAM) ushered in the spirit of Christmas by organising the 21st Diocesan carol singing competition at St. Philomena's College Indoor Stadium recently.

The event began with a solemn Eucharistic Celebration (Holy Mass) by the Bishop of Mysore, Most Rev. Dr. Francis Serrao SJ.

The day-long competition was formally inaugurated by Bishop Serrao, who extended his blessings and Christmas greetings to all. In his message, the Bishop said, God became man to dwell among humanity and elevate mankind to divinity. He reminded the gathering that humans are created in the image of God and are "little less than God."

School children presenting carols at the 21st Diocesan carol singing competition in city recently.

He wished that the Babe of Bethlehem bring hope, peace, love and happiness during Christmas and the year ahead.

More than 85 teams participated across five categories — Schools (VIII to XII), Colleges, Parishes, Professionals and Institutional Staff — performing carols in English, Kannada and other regional languages. Each team, ranging from 8 to 45 members, was allotted six minutes to present carols. Children added to the festive atmosphere by depicting the birth of Jesus Christ.

Rev. Fr. Lourdu Prasad, Rector of St. Philomena's College, Rev. Fr. Thomas Baros, Director of St. Joseph Hospital, Rev. Fr. Naveen, Secretary to the Bishop, Joseph Mathew, President, Carmel Catholic Association, Mathew B. Suresh, President, CAM and Premanand D'Mello, Secretary, CAM, were on the dais during the inaugural event.

BJP strongly opposes
Hate Speech Bill: Spokesperson

Mysuru, Dec.11 (GA&DM)- Strongly opposing the tabling of the Karnataka Hate Speech and Hate Crimes (Prevention) Bill, 2025, the opposition BJP alleged that the Bill is a political one and aimed at curbing the BJP, RSS and other Hindu organisations.

Addressing a press meet at BJP office in Chamarajapuram here this morning, State BJP Spokesperson M.G. Mahesh accused the ruling Congress Government of targeting Hindu organisations, which have been severely opposing minority appeasement.

"The Congress is against Hindu organisations for long and this can be seen with the introduction of the Bill, which is targeted at Hindu organisations. The Government should withdraw the Bill," he urged.

Lashing out at Tamil Nadu's DMK Government which was opposing the ruling of the Madras High Court that had ordered the authorities of Subramania Swamy Temple atop a Hill in Madurai district to also light the Karthigai Deepam at Deepathoon, because that spot lies on temple land and lighting there helps preserve the Temple's historic rights, Mahesh alleged that the DMK Government had launched a signature campaign against the ruling, which is signed by three Congress MPs of Karnataka, including Hassan MP Shreyas Patel.

State BJP Spokesperson M.G. Mahesh (second from right) addressing the press meet in city this morning as other BJP leaders look on.

Charging the Congress Government of being anti-Hindu, which can be overtly seen in the actions of the State Government, Mahesh asked the Siddaramaiah Government to concentrate on curbing rising crimes, break down of Law and Order and to address other administrative failures on all fronts.

Unity Mall issue

Referring to the Unity Mall issue, Mahesh said that the Court has issued a stay order.

"It is purely a personal matter of Pramoda Devi Wadiyar. MP Yaduveer had inspected the Mall in view of development. The Unity Mall project is part of a Central Government scheme, which would provide employment to locals. The matter is no way concerned with the BJP," he maintained.

Hate Speech Bill tabled

Meanwhile, the State Government tabled the Karnataka Hate Speech and Hate Crimes (Prevention) Bill, 2025 during the ongoing winter session at Suvarna Vidhana Soudha in Belagavi yesterday.

Home Minister Dr. G. Parameshwar tabled the Bill in the Assembly amidst severe opposition by the BJP.

Punishment, fine

Under the proposed law, those convicted of committing a hate crime will face imprisonment up to one year, extendable up to seven years, along with a fine of Rs. 50,000. For repeat or subsequent offences, the minimum imprisonment increases to two years and may go up to 10 years, with fine up to Rs. 1 lakh. The offences will be classified as cognisable and non-bailable and the cases will be tried by a Judicial Magistrate of First Class.

Hate speech

According to the Bill, any form of expression — spoken, written, symbolic or transmitted electronically — made in public view with the intention to cause "injury, disharmony or feelings of enmity or hatred or ill-will" towards an individual (living or deceased), a group, class or community, will be treated as hate speech.

HC quashes order closing Jan Aushadhi Kendras

Bengaluru, Dec. 11 (UNI) - The Karnataka High Court yesterday quashed a State Government order dated May 14, 2025, which directed the closure of all Jan Aushadhi Kendras operating within government hospital premises.

Justice M. Nagaprasanna of the Dharwad Bench allowed a batch of petitions filed by Rakesh Mahalingappa and others, stating orally, "We will not allow one wing of the Government to tinker with the medicines being given to the poor, whether it is free of cost or for a nominal price." The detailed order is yet to be released.

The petitioners contended that the State Government order was passed hastily, without consultation and adversely affected public interest. They argued that the Jan Aushadhi Kendras provide generic medicines at 50-90 percent reduced prices, ensuring accessibility for below-poverty-line citizens, senior citizens on fixed incomes, daily wage workers and chronic patients.

They also emphasised that significant investments had been made in infrastructure, equipment, staff salaries and licenses, establishing a legitimate expectation from the State.

The Additional Advocate General for the State argued that free medicines were already being supplied in hospitals and that the Kendras could continue to operate outside hospital premises, claiming their presence inside hospitals was unnecessary.

HC halts Unity Mall works

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Of the 80-acre Expo Grounds, 6.05 acres had been transferred by the State Government to Industries and Commerce Department for Unity Mall project.

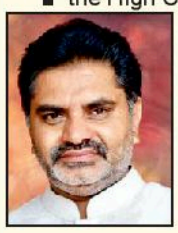
Construction had commenced soon after *bhoomi puja* but Pramoda Devi Wadiyar has now claimed that the Kurubarahalli Survey Number 1 and Garikemala Survey Number 1 land — totalling 6.5 acres — are part of the royal family's hereditary property.

She pointed out that earlier Court rulings had recognised ownership of certain survey numbers in the same area as belonging to the royal family.

After hearing the plea, the High Court ordered status quo, bringing all construction activity to an immediate halt.

Following the order, the worksite now lies abandoned — heaps of mud, iron railings, pillar materials and M-sand scattered across the ground. The temporary office set up for the Unity Mall tender holders has been locked, leaving the entire area wearing a deserted look.

'Unfortunate halt to a unique project'



The Unity Mall tender-holders have stopped all work following the High Court stay. The project had commenced only after the State Cabinet's approval. Interestingly, the Karnataka Exhibition Authority (KEA) has not been made a party to the petition, while the Department of Industries and Commerce has been named as one of the respondents. The Wadiyars of Mysore have played a pivotal role in the region's development and the Unity Mall is a continuation of that vision — a project that promotes growth and uplifts local art. Stalling such a unique initiative is unfortunate. Court cases often stretch on for years and the Unity Mall now risks becoming yet another addition to Mysuru's long list of land disputes."

— Ayub Khan, Chairman, Karnataka Exhibition Authority

Four arrested in Madikeri for derogatory video on PM Modi
Kodagu BJP stages protest demanding strict Police action against accused

Madikeri, Dec. 11 (PS&BCT)- Four individuals have been arrested by the Madikeri Town Police for recording and circulating a video containing derogatory remarks against Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

The accused have been identified as M.E. Fahad of Ranipet, M.H. Basheel of Thyagaraja Colony and M.A. Sameer. Another accused, Riyaz, was arrested this morning. All four were employed at 'Coorg Spices,' an outlet owned by Zubair and located in front of the KSRTC bus depot in Madikeri.

In the viral video, the group allegedly accused the PM of damaging the country's road and railway systems, using NRC to divide Hindus and Muslims and using abusive, highly objectionable language.

Police said that the video was recorded in the shop and circulated with the suspected intent of disturbing public peace. Kodagu district BJP leaders filed a complaint with Circle Inspector P.K. Raju, demanding immediate action.

Fahad *Basheel* *Sameer*

Earlier today, the BJP's Madikeri unit, led by former MLA Appachu Ranjan, staged a protest at Indira Gandhi Circle seeking strict punishment for the accused.

Former and current City Municipal Council office-bearers, BJP leaders and supporters joined the demonstration.

Reacting to the incident, Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Wadiyar said, "Police have arrested the miscreants who created and circulated a video insulting Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. I strongly urge that strict punishment be given to them."

"Such offenders must face severe consequences so that it creates fear and prevents others from committing similar crimes in the future. I have already spoken to Police officials and stressed the need for stringent action," the MP added.

MUDA 50:50 site allotment scam

Lokayukta Police get former Commissioner's custody

Mysuru, Dec. 11 (BCT)- Former Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) Commissioner G.T. Dinesh Kumar has been remanded to the custody of the Lokayukta Police for further investigation, following an order from the Court.

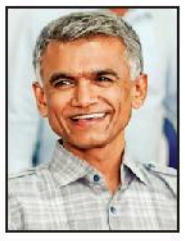
The Mysuru Lokayukta Police had moved an application before the Special Court for People's Representatives in Bengaluru, seeking his custody to conduct a deeper probe into the MUDA 50:50 site allotment scam.

They requested that the former Commissioner — currently under judicial custody — be transferred to their custody for interrogation.

After hearing the plea, the Judge accepted the request and ordered that Dinesh Kumar be handed over to the Lokayukta Police till Dec. 12.

Dinesh Kumar was earlier arrested by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Sept. 16, 2025, in connection with a money-laundering case and allegations of illegal site allotments.

Land conversion process to be made easy: Revenue Minister


Krishna Byre Gowda

Belagavi, Dec. 11 (Agencies)- Revenue Minister Krishna Byre Gowda said, the draft to bring in amendments to Section 95 of the Karnataka Land Revenue Act, 1964, was made in October last and the ordinance will be announced within a month before going ahead with its implementation. The amended Section will simplify land conversion process, particularly converting agricultural land to non-agricultural, for the purpose of industries.

Replying to a query by MLC Ramojigowda during the ongoing winter session at Suvarna Vidhana Soudha yesterday, he said, though Karnataka Land Revenue Act, 1964 was introduced, no amendments had been made. Now Section 95 has been amended, followed by the preparation of draft in Oct.20, to facilitate simplification of conversion of agricultural land for non-agricultural purposes.

"To promote small-scale industries, land conversion will not be required for areas up to two acres and the process can directly go through a plan approval. Also, no conversion will be necessary for renewable energy projects and rules related to functioning of revenue courts are being formulated," he added.

Now, online application is also allowed for conversion of lands. The matter should be discussed with respective Deputy Commissioners within 30 days. The proposal can be either accepted or rejected. If the DC fails to take any decision within 30 days, it will lead to auto-conversion of land.

Earlier, there was a general impression that land conversion itself was a scam. But, it is certain that middlemen had a role to play. However, the officers and the Government had to take the blame. The amendment aims to curtail any unauthorised activities during land conversion.

Samathentho RangaSambhrama

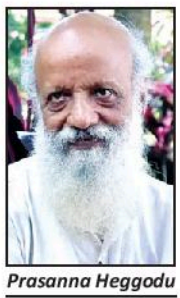
Prasanna to inaugurate 3-day theatre fest

Mysuru, Dec. 11 (VNS)- The three-day Samathentho Ranga Sambhrama will be held from Dec. 12 to 14 at Kiru Rangamandira (Mini Theatre) in Kalamandira premises here.

The theatre fest will be inaugurated by well-known theatre person Prasanna Heggodu at 6.30 pm tomorrow. He will also release two books 'Kuntila' and 'Duddina Devaru' authored by Prof. H.S. Umesh. Theatre activist Srinivas G. Kappanna will launch the YouTube channel of Samathentho on the occasion.

This will be followed by Ranga Sangeetha and the staging of short play 'Guri Muttu' directed Prof. H.S. Umesh (translation of the play 'Fulfillment' written by T.P. Kailasam). Acclaimed theatre personality Rameshwari Varma will preside.

On Dec. 13, Lakshmi Chandrashekar Kreative Troupe will stage a comedy play 'Gundayana' directed by Joseph John. The highlight of the play is that 10 different roles will be enacted by two actors — Lakshmi Chandrashekar and Sundar.


Prasanna Heggodu

On Dec. 14, Samathentho will stage 'Duddina Devaru', Kannada translation of Greek play 'Plutus' by Aristophanes.

All the plays will staged from 6.30 pm. While the entry is free for inaugural event on Dec.12, tickets for the play on Dec. 13 and 14 will be Rs. 100 each day.

Samathentho, a 59-year-old theatre group, was founded by a few friends interested in literature, music and theatre during 1967. This group has a distinction of producing new plays, introducing new actors, directors and also new genres in theatre.

Pourakarmikas urge MCC Commr. to fulfil their pending demands

Mysuru, Dec. 11 (SPN&DM)- Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) Commissioner Shaikh Tanveer Asif held a grievances meeting with Pourakarmikas at Sri Jayachamaraja Wadiyar Hall in MCC Main Office here yesterday. During the meeting, the Pourakarmika leaders demanded fulfilment of their demands, which have been pending for long.

"At present there are nearly 2,000 Pourakarmikas serving in MCC, including 231 underground drainage workers, 565 personnel and drivers attached to garbage pick up vehicles, 40 cleaners and 1,100 direct credit Pourakarmikas. All Pourakarmikas must be provided a monthly hazardous allowance of Rs.2,000 as decided earlier. As of now, there is one Pourakarmika for a population of 700, which number should be brought down to 500 in order to ease workload. All Pourakarmikas must be brought under Gruha Bhagya Housing Scheme and jobs on compassionate grounds for kin of Pourakarmika who died while in service," they demanded.

The other demands included reimbursement of school/college fee of children of permanent Pourakarmikas, distribution of rain coats, shoes, aprons, jerkins and to provide all facilities under 24.10 percent scheme for Pourakarmikas, financial assistance for self-employment, free LPG gas connection and distribution of sewing machines.

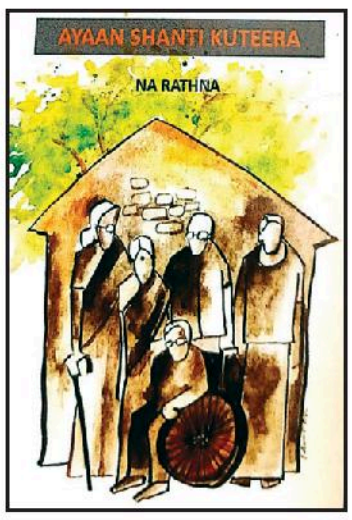
After hearing their grievances, MCC Commissioner said that rest houses for Pourakarmikas will be built shortly in all the 65 wards of MCC. He also assured that their demands will be sent to the Government for due consideration.

MCC Additional Commissioner Dasegowda, Heads and office-bearers of various Pourakarmika Associations — N. Mara, T. Srinivas, N. Mohan Kumar (Swamy), Narasimha Bande, G. Manjunath, Vadivelu, C.R. Rachaiah, M. Rajiv, S. Ganesh, Shankarappa, Kumaraswamy, Murugesh, Krishnaswamy, Mahadevi — and others were present.

Ranga Rathna Award ceremony and release of English play

Mysuru, Dec. 11 (VNS)- Ranga Rathna Mysuru has organised Ranga Rathna - 2025 Award ceremony and release of the English play 'Ayaan Shanti Kuteera' authored by late **Dr. Na. Rathna** on Dec. 12 at Kiru Rangamandira in Kalamandira premises at 11 am.

The award, instituted by Tarneiv, a Canada-based Belly Meditation Master and N.S. Anand, an engineer, will be presented to Dr. Sahana Pinjar, a well-known theatre artiste and director, by Kuvempu University Vice-Chancellor Dr. U.A.



Sharath Ananthamurthy. The book 'Ayaan Shanti Kuteera' will be released by former Director of Institute of Women's Studies, University of Mysore, Prof. Rameshwari Varma.

Hanuma Jayanti publicity vehicle

Mysuru, Dec. 11 (VNS)- Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Swamiji flagged off the publicity vehicle of Hanuma Jayanti to be held on Dec. 13 from the Ashram premises here yesterday. Sri Datta Vijayananda Teertha Swamiji, the junior pontiff of Avadhoota Datta Peetham, Arjuna Avadhoota Swamiji, 'Law Guide' Hon. Editor H.N. Venkatesh and others were present. A grand Hanuma procession has been organised on Dec. 13 from Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple.

Umashree-starrer 'Sharmiste' to be staged at Natana

Mysuru, Dec. 11 (GA&VNS)- 'Sharmiste,' a Kannada play featuring former Minister and renowned actress Umashree will be staged on Dec. 13 (Saturday) at Natana Rangashaale in city at 6.30 pm. The one-woman play, written by Belur Raghunandan and directed by former Rangayana Director Chidambara Rao Jambe, will be presented by Ranga Sampada Theatre Group, Bengaluru.

Addressing mediapersons at Pathrakarthara Bhavan yesterday, Ranga Sampada Secretary V.M. Nagesh said the very first three shows of the play was held at Bhoomigeeta in Rangayana and Natana was playing host for the 25th show.

'Sharmiste' had been successfully staged in Dharwad, Shivamogga, Belagavi, Theerthahalli, Davangere and Bengaluru.

Tickets for the show are priced at Rs. 300 each. For details contact Mob: 98452-14370

Cabinet to decide on future of cricket at Chinnaswamy Stadium today

Newly elected KSCA President Venkatesh Prasad** (second from left) **called on Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Deputy CM D.K. Shivakumar at Suvarna Vidhana Soudha in Belagavi yesterday along with** (from left) **former KSCA Treasurer Vinay Mruthyunjaya, KSCA Vice-President Sujith Somasundar and Secretary Santosh Menon.

Belagavi, Dec. 11 (Agencies)- Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar said that the future of cricket at Bengaluru's historic M. Chinnaswamy Stadium will be decided after discussing the matter in the cabinet meeting to be held this evening. The meeting will also decide whether Bengaluru will host the IPL matches to be held next year.

Speaking to media persons after meeting with the newly-elected KSCA Managing Committee members including President Venkatesh Prasad and Vice-President Sujith Somasundar, Dy.CM Shivakumar said, "We have no intention of stopping cricket matches at Chinnaswamy Stadium, but we have to think of crowd control measures. We will also have to incorporate Michael D. Cunha Committee suggestions in a phased manner. Venkatesh Prasad has also agreed to it. Our government is committed to cricket and cricket fans without denting the reputation of the State."

Earlier, Venkatesh Prasad described the meeting with CM Siddaramaiah and Deputy CM as "extremely positive and fruitful."

The issue has taken centre stage ever since the June 4 stampede that claimed 11 lives and left hundreds injured during celebrations of Royal Challengers Bengaluru's maiden IPL victory. Nearly six months later, the stadium gates remain shut, its once-familiar buzz replaced by lingering questions about accountability, preparedness and public safety.

The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has also preferred to host the Duleep Trophy matches and India 'A' and South Africa 'A' series at BCCI Centre of Excellence instead of Chinnaswamy Stadium. The ICC Women's World Cup matches including the finals was also moved out of KSCA after the Secretary and Treasurer resigned on moral grounds following the stampede incident.

The demand to reopen the stadium has come not only from cricket fans eager for the return of live matches but also from KSCA officials who argue that the city cannot afford to lose marquee fixtures, especially the IPL. Bengaluru's economy, they say, benefits immensely from the cricketing season, from hospitality to retail and transport sectors.

However, voices from the other side of the debate insist that the emotional and financial costs of another safety lapse would be far greater. Safety experts point out that merely implementing crowd-management guidelines or issuing advisories is not enough. They argue that an independent, third-party structural and safety audit must be completed, not partially, not in phases, before Chinnaswamy is allowed to host even a domestic fixture.

Partial cancellation of train services

Mysuru, Dec.11- Due to yard remodelling work at Milavittan and Tuticorin in Southern Railway's Madurai Division, the following train services will be partially cancelled:

1. Train No. 16235 Tuticorin - Mysuru Express journey commencing on Dec.21, 22 and 23 will be partially cancelled between Tuticorin and Vanchi Maniyachchi Junction and short originated from Vanchi Maniyachchi instead of Tuticorin.

2. Train No. 16236 Mysuru - Tuticorin Express journey on Dec. 20, 21 and 22 will be cancelled between Vanchi Maniyachchi Junction and Tuticorin, and short terminated at Vanchi Maniyachchi instead of Tuticorin.

3. Train No. 19567 Tuticorin - Okha Express journey commencing on Dec.21 will be partially cancelled between Tuticorin and Kovilpatti and short originated from Kovilpatti instead of Tuticorin.

4. Train No. 19568 Okha - Tuticorin Express journey commencing on Dec.19 will be cancelled between Kovilpatti and Tuticorin and will be short terminated at Kovilpatti instead of Tuticorin, according to Girish Dharmaraj Kalagonda, Divisional Commercial Manager & Public relations Officer, South Western Railway, Mysuru Division.

AGM of Mysore Literary Association on Dec. 14

Mysuru, Dec. 11- The 9th Annual General Body Meeting (AGM) of Mysore Literary Association for the year 2024-2025 will be held on Dec. 14 (Sunday) at 11 am at Rotary Mysore West Auditorium, Kamakshi Hospital Road, Saraswathipuram

All members of Mysore Literary Association are requested to attend the AGM without fail, stated a press release from Reginald Wesley, Hon. Secretary, Mysore Literary Association.

For details contact Mob: 99806-56631.

D.A.V. School hosts 'Shishirotsava'

Mysuru, Dec.11- D.A.V. Public School, Mysuru, celebrated its 22nd Annual day 'Shishirotsava' on Dec.6 at the Open Air Theatre in Manasagangothri. Students from II std to X std showcased their talents.

Senior Journalist Amshi Prasannakumar, who was the chief guest, inaugurated the function by lighting the traditional lamp.

President of Mysore Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MCCI) K.B. Lingaraju was present as guest of honour. Cultural programmes comprised various dance forms and themes which grabbed the attention of the audience including the dance drama "The Life Cycle of Hanuman."

School Chairman N. Sachidananda Murthy, Secretary R. Anand, School CEO M.A. Jayashree, Principal Kavyashree Basappa and Vice-Principal T.M. Kavya were present along with hundreds of parents who witnessed the programme.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the **79th Annual General Meeting** of the Members of the Company will be held on **31st December 2025 at 11-30AM** at the Registered Office of the Company to transact the following business:

ORDINARY BUSINESS:

1. To receive, consider and adopt the Audited Financial Statement of the Company for the Financial Year ended on 31st March 2025, together with the Report of the Board of Directors and Auditors thereon.
2. To declare Dividend on Equity Shares for the Financial Year ended on 31st March 2025.
3. To fix the remuneration payable to the Statutory Auditors of the Company.

SPECIAL BUSINESS:

4. To Amend Articles of Association of the company:

Notice is also given pursuant to Section 91 and other applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013, the record date for the purpose of payment of Dividend will be 22.12.2025 accordingly members names appearing in the Register of members as on 22.12.2025 will be considered for making payment of dividend.

The Notice convening the Seventy Ninth Annual General Meeting and the Annual Accounts and Reports for the Year ended 31st March 2025 are being dispatched to the member to their registered address and the same is uploaded on the Company's Official website "**www.mysorepaints.karnataka.gov.in**".

A member entitled to attend and vote at the meeting is entitled to appoint a Proxy to attend and vote on his/her behalf and such proxy need not be a member of the Company. Person can act as a proxy on behalf of members not exceeding fifty and holding in the aggregate not more than ten percent of the total shares capital of the Company carrying voting rights. A member holding more than ten percent of the total share capital of the Company carrying voting rights may appoint a single person as proxy and such person shall not act as a proxy for any other person or shareholder.

The instrument appointing the proxy must be deposited at the Registered Office of the Company duly filled and signed not less than 48 hours before the commencement of the meeting

Members are requested to send their requests for any additional information on the Financials of the Company for the period ended 31st March, 2025 at least 7 (Seven) days before the scheduled date of the Meeting

By order of the Board
For Mysore Paints and Varnish Limited
Place: Mysuru (K Mohammed Irfan)
Date:09.12.2025 **Managing Director**(DIN 09190802)

MYSORE TRAIN TIMINGS

FROM MYSURU RAILWAY STATION TOWARDS KSR BENGALURU

Train No.	From Station	To Station	Mysuru Departure	Bengaluru Arrival	Days of Service
16586	Murudeshwar	KSR Bengaluru	3.45 am	6.15 am	Daily
16217	Mysuru	Shirdi	5.00 am	7.30 am	Monday
12610	Mysuru	Chennai	5.15 am	7.55 am	Daily
17326	Mysuru	Belagavi	5.40 am	8.40 am	Daily
20663	Mysuru	MGR Chennai	6.00 am	7.45 am	Daily Except Thur Vande Bharat
66554	Mysuru	Bengaluru	6.10 am	9.15 am	Daily
16215	Mysuru	Bengaluru	6.45 am	9.35 am	Daily
22687	Mysuru	Varanasi	7.30 am	9.55 am	Tue & Thu
20623	Mysuru	KSR Bengaluru	8.20 am	10.50 am	Daily
56281	Chamarajanagara	KSR Bengaluru	9.05 am	1.05 pm	Daily Passenger
19668	Mysuru	Udaipur	10.05 am	12.15 pm	Thu [Humsafar Exp]
12975	Mysuru	Jaipur	10.30 am	12.45 pm	Thu & Sat
12578	Mysuru	Darbhanga	10.30 am	1.35 pm	Friday
12613	Mysuru	KSR Bengaluru	11.30 am	2.00 pm	Daily
16315	Mysuru	Kochuveli	12.45 pm	4.25 pm	Daily
20608	Mysuru	MGR Chennai	1.05 pm	2.45 pm	Daily Except Wed Vande Bharat
17307	Mysuru	Bagalkot	1.25 pm	4.30 pm	Daily
66552	Mysuru	KSR Bengaluru	1.45 pm	5.00 pm	Daily Passenger
12008	Mysuru	MGR Chennai	2.15 pm	4.10 pm	Daily Except Thur
20659	Mysuru	KSR Bengaluru	2.50 pm	5.20 pm	Daily
12786	Mysuru	Kacheguda	3.15 pm	5.45 pm	Daily
16535	Mysuru	Pandharpur	3.45 pm	6.25 pm	Daily
16232	Mysuru	Mayiladuturai	4.15 pm	6.50 pm	Daily
16219	Chamarajanagar	Tirupati	5.10 pm	8.10 pm	Daily
16236	Mysuru	Tuticorin	6.20 pm	9.00 pm	Daily
06237	Mysuru	Manamadurai	6.35 pm	9.15 pm	Mon
16592	Mysuru	Hubballi	6.50 pm	9.40 pm	Daily
16210	Mysuru	Ajmer	7.10 pm	10.10 pm	Tue & Thu
16227	Mysuru	Talguppa	7.30 pm	10.30 pm	Daily
06526	Mysuru	KSR Bengaluru	7.50 pm	11.05 pm	Daily
22681	Mysuru	Chennai	8.15 pm	10.50 pm	Wednesday
16022	Mysuru	Chennai	9.00 pm	11.45 pm	Daily
06269	Mysuru	SMVT Baiyyappanahalli	9.50 pm	12.40 am	Daily
66580	Mysuru	KSR Bengaluru	10.25 pm	1.15 am	Daily
22135	Mysuru	Renigunta	11.10 pm	1.30 am	Friday
22818	Mysuru	Howrah	11.45 pm	1.55 am	Sunday

DEPARTING FROM KSR BENGALURU AND ARRIVING MYSURU

Train No.	From Station	To Station	Bengaluru Departure	Mysuru Arrival	Days of Service from Bengaluru
06270	SMVT Baiyyappanahalli	Mysuru	12.15 am	4.30 am	Daily
16218	Shirdi	Mysuru	12.55 am	3.35 am	Thursday
22817	Howrah	Mysuru	1.55 am	3.35 am	Sunday
66579	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	2.05 am	5.30 am	Daily Passenger
16021	Chennai	Mysuru	4.00 am	6.45 am	Daily
16220	Tirupati	Chamarajanagar	4.30 am	7.10 am	Daily
16228	Talguppa	Mysuru	5.05 am	8.20 am	Daily
22682	Chennai	Mysuru	5.20 am	7.45 am	Friday
16231	Mayiladuturai	Mysuru	5.40 am	8.35 am	Daily
16591	Hubballi	Mysuru	6.00 am	8.55 am	Daily
16235	Tuticorin	Mysuru	6.15 am	9.30 am	Daily
12785	Kacheguda	Mysuru	6.30 am	10.20 am	Daily
16536	Solapur	Mysuru	7.50 am	10.45 am	Daily
17308	Bagalkot	Mysuru	8.10 am	12.00 pm	Daily
16316	Kochuveli	Mysuru	8.30 am	11.15 am	Daily
66551	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	9.15 am	1.30 pm	Daily Passenger
20607	MGR Chennai	Mysuru	10.05 am	12.20 pm	Daily Except Wed Vande Bharat
12007	MGR Chennai	Mysuru	10.35 am	1.00 pm	Daily Except Thur
20660	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	11.30 am	2.00 pm	Daily
12976	Jaipur	Mysuru	1.00 pm	4.00 pm	Wed & Fri
19667	Udaipur	Mysuru	1.25 pm	4.40 pm	Wed [Humsafar Exp]
20624	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	1.50 pm	4.20 pm	Daily
12614	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	3.15 pm	5.35 pm	Daily
06525	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	4.45 pm	7.40 pm	Daily Passenger
56282	KSR Bengaluru	Chamarajanagar	3.35 pm	6.35 pm	Daily Passenger
12577	Darbhanga	Mysuru	5.00 pm	8.00 pm	Thursday
17325	Belagavi	Mysuru	5.35 pm	8.45 pm	Daily
16216	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	6.15 pm	9.05 pm	Daily
22688	Varanasi	Mysuru	6.30 pm	10.00 pm	Mon & Sat
66553	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	7.00 pm	10.15 pm	Daily
12609	Chennai	Mysuru	8.00 pm	10.50 pm	Daily
16585	KSR Bengaluru	Mangaluru	8.25 pm	11.20 pm	Daily Except Friday
20664	MGR Chennai	Mysuru	9.30 pm	11.30 pm	Daily Except Thur Vande Bharat
22136	Renigunta	Mysuru	11.10 pm	1.35 am	Saturday
16209	Ajmer	Mysuru	11.50 pm	2.25 am	Tue & Sun

TOWARDS HASSAN, ARSIKERE, SHIVAMOGGA, DAVANGERE, HAVERI, HUBBALLI, DADAR, NEW DELHI & BACK

Train	From Station	To Station	Departure	Arrival	Days of Service
16206	Mysuru	Talguppa	6.00 am	1.25 pm	Daily
11036	Mysuru	Dadar	6.15 am	5.45 am (next day)	Sunday (Mysuru)
56266 (Exp)	Mysuru	Arsikere	6.30 am	10.25 am	Daily
16208	Mysuru	Yesvantpur	7.15 am	10.10 am (Hassan)	Daily
16225	Mysuru	Shivamogga	10.15 am	4.40 pm	Daily
16222	Mysuru	Talguppa	2.00 pm	11.00 pm	Daily
56268	Mysuru	Arsikere	5.45 pm	10.00 pm	Daily
12781	Mysuru	Hazrat Nizamuddin	7.30 pm (Fri)	6.45 pm (Sun)	Friday
17301	Mysuru	Belagavi	9.30 pm	9.00 am	Daily
16585	Mysuru	Murdeshwar	11.40 pm	12.55 am	Daily
17302	Belagavi	Mysuru	6.00 pm	5.55 am	Daily
06213	Arsikere	Mysuru	5.00 pm	9.25 am	Daily
16226	Shivamogga	Mysuru	11.15 am	5.05 pm	Daily
16207 (Exp)	Yesvantpur	Mysuru	4.45 pm (Hassan)	8.10 pm	Daily
56265	Arsikere	Mysuru	5.30 pm	9.15 pm	Daily
11035	Dadar	Mysuru	9.30 pm	10.00 pm (next day)	Thursday (Dadar)
16221	Talguppa	Mysuru	6.15 am	3.35 pm	Daily
16205	Talguppa	Mysuru	2.50 pm	10.30 pm	Daily
12782	Hazrat Nizamuddin	Mysuru	5.10 am (Mon)	2.20 am (Wed)	Monday
16586	Murdeshwar	Mysuru	2.10 pm	3.30 am	Daily

TOWARDS MYSURU TO CHAMARAJANAGAR AND BACK

Train	From Station	To Station	Departure	Arrival	Days of Service
56202	Mysuru	Chamarajanagar	5.00 am	6.35 am	Daily Passenger
16220	Tirupati	Chamarajanagar	7.30 am (Mys)	9.20 am	Daily
56210	Mysuru	Chamarajanagar	8.20 am	10.10 am	Daily Passenger
56206	Mysuru	Nanjangud	9.15 am	10.00 am	Daily
56204	Mysuru	Chamarajanagar	11.45 am	1.30 pm	Daily
56208	Mysuru	Chamarajanagar	3.45 pm	5.20 pm	Daily
56282	Mysuru	Chamarajanagar	6.40 pm	8.40 pm	Daily
56281	Chamarajanagar	Mysuru	7.15 pm	9.00 pm	Daily
56205	Nanjangud	Mysuru	10.25 pm	11.15 pm	Daily
56207	Chamarajanagar	Mysuru	10.40 pm	12.30 pm	Daily Passenger
16219	Chamarajanagar	Tirupati	3.30 pm	5.00 pm	Daily
56203	Chamarajanagar	Mysuru	5.30 pm	7.20 pm	Daily
56209	Chamarajanagar	Mysuru	8.50 pm	10.35 pm	Daily
56201	Chamarajanagar	Mysuru	9.45 pm	11.40 pm	DailyPassenger

First edition of 'Mysuru English Theatre Festival' from Dec. 12

Seemanthini B. Sharma, Dr. Nima Manjrekar and Shashidhar Dongre of Mysore English Theatre Forum releasing the posters of 'Mysuru English Theatre Festival' during the press meet held at Pathrakarthara Bhavan in city recently.

Mysuru, Dec. 11- The Mysore English Theatre Forum (METF) is set to present the first edition of 'Mysuru English Theatre Festival' from Dec. 12 to 14 at Jagannatha Centre for Art and Culture (JCAC) in Vijayanagar 1st Stage, Mysuru.

The three-day Festival aims to celebrate English theatre through diverse readings, performances and stage productions. It will be inaugurated on Dec. 12 at 6.15 pm by Dr. V.R. Anil Kumar, Director, Kalpa Heritage Trust and Sreemathi Hariprasad, Senior Theatre Practitioner, Mysuru.

Theatre activities will begin with Page to Stage section on the rooftop Nakshatra Amphitheatre, on Dec. 12 at 5 pm with Readings from Indian English Plays. On Dec. 13 at 5 pm, audiences can enjoy a Poetry Reading session and on Dec. 14 at 5 pm, there will be Readings from International English Plays. These sessions will be interspersed with Open Mic performances, all at the Nakshatra Amphitheatre, and are open to all with free entry.

A series of compelling plays will be staged every evening at 6.30 pm. On Dec. 12, Kalasuruchi will present 'Two Fathers,' scripted by Sundar Sarukkai and directed by Badarinarayan.

On Dec. 13, WeMove Theatre will stage 'Who Killed Agatha?,' with the story by Rangaraj Bhatracharya and Pavan Sharma, stage adaptation by Aditya Naik and direction by Pavan Sharma.

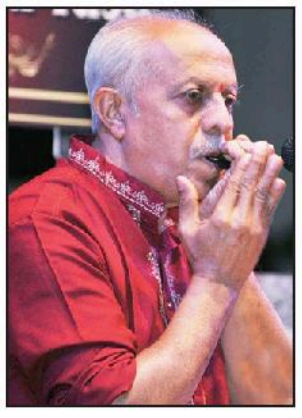
The Festival will conclude on Dec. 14, with The Actors' Collective performing 'The Mahabharatha Project,' conceptualised and directed by P.I. Rajesh. Tickets are priced at Rs. 200 per day and Rs. 500 for all three days. For details, contact Mob: 91082-90415.

METF is a vibrant platform that unites English theatre enthusiasts in Mysuru. It promotes theatre through script readings, staged readings and stage productions. METF also organises Theatre Festivals exclusively for colleges, encouraging young performers. Through creative collaboration and innovative performances, the Forum enriches Mysuru's evolving English theatre culture and supports a strong artistic community.

Veena concert at Ganabharathi

Vidu. Rakshitha

Vid. Adhamya Ramananda



Vid. V.S. Ramesh

Mysuru, Dec. 11- Ganabharathi, Mysuru, has organised a veena concert by Vidu. Rakshitha Ramesh at Ganabharathi's Veene Seshanna Bhavana on Adichunchanagiri Road in Kuvempunagar on Dec. 12 at 6 pm. She will be accompanied by Vid. Adhamya Ramananda on mridanga and Vid. V.S. Ramesh on morching. The concert is sponsored by Kaveri Ramesh and Kumuda Charitable Trust in memory of Vidu. Veena Chokkamma and S.R. Kumuda.

Profile: Vidu. Rakshitha Ramesh started her music journey with late Vid. T.P. Vaidyanathan and learnt veena from her mother Vidu. Chitra Ramesh and continued her advanced learning with guru Vid. Yoganandan from the past 16 years. She had her Post-Graduation of Music from Madras University.

Vidu. Rakshitha has performed in major platforms of the country and is also recognised by many prestigious institutions. She has won first place in Akashvani music competition and directly elevated to 'A' grade of AIR. Merited Rakshitha has given Jugalbandi with several senior musicians. Recently she participated in the celebrated musician Vid. Palghat Raghu memorial event and rendered 'Anudhana Pallavi' which was highly appreciated by music community.

SINGLE SCREEN THEATRES

- **Sangam Theatre** — **Ph: 2520494**
  The Devil (K) - 4 Shows
- **Woodlands Theatre** — **Ph: 2422871**
  The Devil (K) - 4 Shows
- **Gayathri Theatre** — **Ph: 2443568**
  The Devil (K) - 4 Shows
- **Mahadeshwara Theatre** — **Mob: 99008-20093**
  The Devil (K) - 4 Shows
- **Rajkamal Theatre** — **Ph: 2423554**
  The Devil (K) - 4 Shows
- **Prabha Theatre** — **Mob: 98454-14691**
  Dharmam (K) - 4 Shows
- **Lido Theatre** — **Ph: 2420885**
  Mass Jathara (Te) - 4 Shows
- **Padma Theatre** — **Ph: 2521923**
  Andhra King Taluka (Te) - 4 Shows
- **Balaji Theatre** — **Mob: 98863-25207**
  Dhurandhar (H) - 3 Shows

MOVIES AT DRC CINEMAS Ph: 4240422 4241800

The Devil (K)	:	9.20 am
		12.50 pm
		4.05 pm
		7.20 pm
		10.10 pm
		10.30 pm
Dhurandhar (H)	:	2.50 pm
		6.25 pm
		10.25 pm
Zootopia 2 (E-3D)	:	4.05 pm
Vishwaroopini Sri Vasavi (K)	:	6.55 pm

MOVIES AT MYSURU VISION CINEMAS Ph: 2973519

The Devil (K)	:	10 am, 10.20 am, 10.35 am
		10.45 am, 2 pm, 2.30 pm
		3.15 pm, 5.40 pm, 6.10 pm
		6.40 pm, 9.30 pm
		9:45 pm, 10 pm
Dhurandhar (H)	:	1.55 pm

MOVIES AT NEXUS MALL

The Devil (K)	:	8.30 am, 8.55 am, 10.20 am
		11.55 am, 1.45 pm, 3.20 pm
		3.40 pm, 6.45 pm, 7.05 pm
		10.10 pm, 10.30 pm
Dhurandhar (H)	:	9 am, 9.30 am, 1.45 pm
		5.30 pm, 6 pm
		9.45 pm, 10.15 pm
Akhanda 2: Thaandavam (Te)	:	9.30 am, 12.20 pm,
		3.30 pm, 6.50 pm, 10.10 pm
Sholay: The Final Cut (H)	:	1.15 pm
Zootopia 2 (E-3D)	:	5.10 pm
Tere Ishk Mein (H)	:	10.20 pm

MOVIES AT GARUDA MALL

The Devil (K)	:	8.05 am, 8.40 am, 11.30 am,
		12.05 pm, 2.55 pm. 3.30 pm
		6.20 pm, 6.55 pm, 10.20 pm
Akhanda 2: Thaandavam (Te)	:	8.50 am, 12.10 pm
		3.30 pm, 6.50 pm
		10.10 pm
Dhurandhar (H)	:	9.45 am, 2 pm, 6.15 pm
		9.45 pm, 10.30 pm

EVENTS TODAY (DEC. 11)

- **Builders Association of India (BAI), Mysuru Centre:** 25th edition of MyBuild-25 Exhibition, Public TV Chairman and Managing Director H.R. Ranganath inaugurates, BAI National President Rajendra Singh Kamboh presides, BAI National Vice-President (Southern Range) D.V.N. Reddy guest of honour, **4.30 pm;** Expo, Maharaja's College Grounds, **up to 9 pm.**
- **Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple, Palace North Gate:** Sri Hanuma Jayanti Mahotsava, bhajans by Chiguru Bhajana Mandali, **5.30 pm;** Devotional songs by Sridevi Sachin and troupe (Dharmasthala), Temple premises, **7 pm to 9.30 pm.**
- **Sadhana Mandira:** Special Training Sessions - Learn & Perform, Simple and Diligent, Saraswati Puja with meaning, symbolism, significance, advantages and methodology by Swami Hamsananda, Sri Sankashtahara Ganapati Temple, BEML Nagar, Srirampura 2nd Stage, **6.30 pm to 7.15 pm;** Mysuru Yogalaya, D.S. Mansion, #1, 13th Block, SBM Layout, Vivekanandanagar, **7.30 pm to 8.15 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (DEC. 12)

- **Marimallappa's PU College:** Valedictory of Cultural and Sports Forum 2025-26, Prof. K.N. Panchaksharaswamy, Hon. Secretary, Marimallappa's Educational Institutions, presides, G.L. Tripurantaka, Co-ordinator, JSS Institutions, Suttur, delivers valedictory address, M.P. Nagamma, Dy. Director, Department of PU Education, chief guest; Felicitation to Mangala Muddumadappa, Academic Officer, Mysuru District Kannada Rajyotsava Award recipient; Dr. Anil S. Karabheemagola, Principal, will be present, Kalamandira, **9 am.**
- **Government Nature Cure & Yoga Medical College and Hospital, Mysuru and Government Ayurveda Research Centre, Mysuru:** Faculty Development Workshop 'PRISM 2025' (Publication, Research Integrity and Scholarly Methods), Prof. K.S. Rangappa, former Vice-Chancellor, University of Mysore (UoM) and Karnataka State Open University (KSOU), inaugurates, Prof. S.N. Hegde, former VC, UoM, Dr. Ramachandra Shetty, Director, Advance Research, RGUHS, Bengaluru and Dr. M.A. Shekar, former VC, Adichunchanagiri Medical University, guests of honour; Felicitation to Dr. B. Gurubasavaraja, Professor Emeritus, RGUHS, Bengaluru; Dr. B. Laxminarayana Shenoy, Assistant Director, Ayurveda Research Centre, chief guest, Dr. K.V. Venkatakrishna, Principal (in-Charge), Government Nature Cure & Yoga Medical College, presides, Dr. S. Sandeep and Dr. H. Anita of Government Nature Cure & Yoga Medical College co-ordinators, Government Nature Cure & Yoga Medical College and Hospital, **9 am to 5 pm.**
- **Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple, Palace North Gate:** Sri Hanuma Jayanti Mahotsava, Sri Sita Rama Kalyana Mahotsava, **9.30 am;** Sugama Sangeetha by Harshitha N. Raju, **5.30 pm;** Mandolin recital by Rakshith Prasad and troupe, Temple premises, **7 pm to 9.30 pm.**
- **Elder Citizen's Council:** 46th Annual General Body Meeting (2024-25), **9.30 am;** Foundation Day celebrations, Cauvery Hospital Founder Dr. G.R. Chandrashekar inaugurates, former MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev chief guest, felicitation to retd. VC Dr. N.S. Ramegowda, Veterinarian Dr. B.V. Shivamurthy, C.L. Srikantaiah, Huchegowda and Manjula D. Rajashekar; Elder Citizen's Council President Dr. H.M. Nagaraju and Elder Citizen's Council Trust Chairman S.V. Gowdappa will be present, No. 73, Saraswathi Samudaya Bhavana, Jayalakshmipuram, **10.30 am.**
- **Builders Association of India (BAI), Mysuru Centre:** 25th edition of MyBuild-25 Exhibition, Maharaja's College Grounds, **10 am to 9 pm.**
- **Department of Studies in Geography, University of Mysore (UoM):** RUSA-sponsored Conference under Faculty Development Programme on 'Geographical Perspectives of Indian Geo-Politics,' Session on 'Geo-political compulsions of India's foreign policy' by Prof. Krishna Hombale, Professor & Head, Department of Political Science, UoM, **10 am to 11.30 am;** Session on 'The Geopolitics of India's Northeast and the Siliguri Corridor' by Dr. B. Chandrashekara, Senior Professor & Chairman, DoS in Geography, UoM, **11.45 am to 1.15 pm;** 'Island Geopolitics and the Indo-Pacific' by Dr. Minutha, Guest Faculty, DoS in Geography, UoM, **2 pm to 3.30 pm;** 'Indian ocean as geo-political pivot' by Dr. S. Vishwanatha, Guest Faculty, DoS in Geography, UoM, Geo-Manasa Auditorium, DoS in Geography, Manasagangothri, **3.45 pm to 5.15 pm.** [Mob: 94489-12063]
- **Mysore English Theatre Forum (METF):** First edition of 'Mysuru English Theatre Festival,' Page to Stage - Readings from Indian English Plays, **5 pm;** Inauguration by Dr. V.R. Anil Kumar, Director, Kalpa Heritage Trust and Sreemathi Hariprasad, Senior Theatre Practitioner, Mysuru, **6 pm;** Staging of play 'Two Fathers' by Kalasuruchi, scripted by Sundar Sarukkai and directed by Badarinarayan, Jagannatha Centre for Art and Culture (JCAC), Vijayanagar 1st Stage, **6.30 pm.**
- **Akhila Bharata Sharana Sahitya Parishat, Mysuru City Unit:** Endowment Programme, JSS Mahavidyapeetha Horticulture Division Director N.M. Shivashankarappa inaugurates, JSS Science and Technology University Kannada Professor Huskuru Ambika Shivananjappa delivers lecture on 'Vachanagalalli Ahara Paddhati,' JSS Hostel, V.V. Road, near RTO Circle, **5.30 pm.**
- **Ganabharathi, Mysuru:** Veena concert by Vidu. Rakshitha Ramesh, accompanied by Vid. Adhamya Ramananda on mridanga and Vid. V.S. Ramesh on morching, Ganabharathi Veene Seshanna Bhavana, Adichunchanagiri Road, Kuvempunagar, **6 pm.**
- **Sadhana Mandira:** Special Training Sessions - Learn & Perform, Simple and Diligent, Saraswati Puja with meaning, symbolism, significance, advantages and methodology by Swami Hamsananda, Sri Sankashtahara Ganapati Temple, BEML Nagar, Srirampura 2nd Stage, **6.30 pm to 7.15 pm;** Mysuru Yogalaya, D.S. Mansion, #1, 13th Block, SBM Layout, Vivekanandanagar, **7.30 pm to 8.15 pm.**

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		6.50 pm, 10.10 pm
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		6.50 pm, 10.10 pm
Dhurandhar (H)	:	10 am, 2.10 pm
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